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SUBJECT: SEKOU TOURE OPENS MAY 5 CONFERENCE IN CONAKRY

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1. AS WORD FILTERED OUT IN PAST FEW DAYS THAT LONG-HERALDED
MEETING OF CNR (NATIONAL COUNCIL OF REVOLUTION) SCHEDULED IN
PITA MAY 5-7 HAD BEEN "POSTPONED," DIPLOMATIC CORPS SUMMONED
AT LAST MINUTE TO NEW "CONFERENCE" AT PALAIS DU PEUPLE IN CONAKRY
MORNING MAY 5.

2. PRESIDENT SEKOU TOURE OPENED MEETING WITH FOLLOWING
EXPLANATION FOR CANCELING CNR: POLITICAL BUREAU OF PARTY HAD
DECIDED, UPON RECOMMENDATION OF 16 CONFEDERATIONS, THAT CNR
SHOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL MORE COMPLETE INFORMATION AVAILABLE
ON AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION FIGURES, ETC. POLITICAL BUREAU
THEN DECIDED TO HOLD INSTEAD "NATIONAL ADMINISTRATIVE
CONFERENCE" IN CONAKRY BEGINNING MAY 5, IN PART TO PREPARE
FOR NEXT CNR(NEW DATE NOT SPECIFIED). ATTENDANCE THIS
CONFERENCE SEEMED VIRTUALLY THE SAME AS USUAL CNR, WITH
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ALL ADMINISTRATIVE REGIONS REPRESENTED. UNUSUALLY STRICT

SECURITY PRECAUTIONS IN EVIDENCE AT PALAIS DU PEUPLE, AND
AFTER OPENING SESSION SUCCEEDING MEETINGS (MUCH SMALLER)
WILL CONTINUE AT PRESIDENT TOURE'S HOME RESIDENCE. THESE
PRECAUTIONS COULD WELL BE CONNECTED WITH EVENTS REPORTED
REFTEL.

3. PRESIDENT TOURE'S LONG OPENING SPEECH DIVIDED
ESSENTIALLY INTO TWO PARTS: A) CLAIMS THAT HIS ECONOMIC
MEASURES ANNOUNCED FEB 16 (ANTI-SMUGGLING, CLOSING OF
MARKETS, ETC.) HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL; AND B) OPEN THREATS
AGAINST "ANTI-REVOLUTIONARIES" EXISTING THROUGHOUT PARTY
AND STATE STRUCTURE WHO ATTEMPTING TO SABOTAGE THESE
ECONOMIC MEASURES AND WHOM SEKOU TOURE IN EFFECT BLAMED
IN ADVANCE IN EVENT MEASURES FAIL.

4. TOURE HAILED RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA (WITHOUT
IN ANY WAY MENTIONING US) BUT CLAIMED PRIMARILY THAT
VICTORY OF "VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIAN PEOPLE" WAS
VINDICATION OF HIS INSISTENCE ON IMPORTANCE OF "IDEOLOGY."
HE ALSO WARNED "ANTI-REVOLUTIONARIES" IN GUINEA THAT SAME FATE
IN STORE FOR THEM AS FOR "ANTI-REVOLUTIONARIES" IN SOUTHEAST
ASIA. HE SAID THAT REGIME HAD IDENTIFIED ANTI-REVOLUTIONARY
FIGURES, AND WOULD PROCEED AGAINST THEM. HE CHARGED THAT
"ANTI-REVOLUTIONARIES" WERE SPREADING ALL SORTS OF RUMORS
REGARDING FAILURE OF HIS ECONOMIC MEASURES, RUMORS THAT
STUDENTS AND PEASANTS OPPOSED TO ECONOMIC RESTRICTIONS
AND RUMORS THAT "SEKOU TOURE HIMSELF WAS VICTIM OF BAD
ADVICE" FROM PEOPLE SURROUNDING HIM.

5. TOURE DID NOT MENTION ANY NAMES IN PARTICULAR AND
HIS "WARNINGS" WERE COUCHED IN GENERAL TERMS.
NEVERTHELESS, IT SEEMS TO US THAT THE PRESIDENT IS
SETTING STAGE FOR EXTENSIVE PURGE WITHIN GOVERNMENT AND
PARTY IF HIS RESTRICTIVE ECONOMIC POLICIES FAIL.

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